

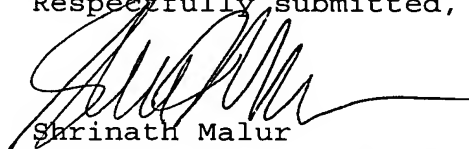
REMARKS

New claims 39-43 have been added. No claims have been amended or canceled. Accordingly, claims 21-43 are currently pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 39-43 correspond to claims 1-3, 14 and 15 which were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer from the parent application bearing Serial No. 09/987,815, in order to expedite the issuance of subject matter indicated as being allowable in that application.

Examination is hereby requested.

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